

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Applicants note comments in the Remarks section for clarification.

5 Kindly amend the Specification as follows:

On page 5 replace the last two paragraphs, starting on line 19, as follows:

As shown in Fig. 5, the conventional reel rotation and detection mechanism 50 using one portion of the leading and entraining end detecting mechanism 40 of the magnetic tape is composed of the aforementioned light emitting element 41 engaged on the main substrate 30, a specific light [emitting] receiving element 51 for rotation and detection engaged on the main substrate 30, the aforementioned light guiding member 43 mounted on the deck chassis 20, a specific light guiding member 52 for rotation and detection on the under face of the deck chassis 20, a sensor gear 53 and so on.

The specific light guiding member 52 for rotation and detection use is a prism for guiding, to the light receiving element 51, the light coming from the branch portion 43b of the light guiding member 43. The sensor gear 53 is rotationed in synchronous relation with the reel 10 by interlocking with the reel 10 through the intermediate gear [54] 55. The light screening portions 53a and 53a are provided in two positions in the peripheral direction of the sensor gear 53. The light screening portions 53a and 53a are to cross the light path reaching from the branch portion 43b of the light guiding member 43 to the light guiding member 52 through the rotation of the sensor gear 53.

Kindly replace lines 20-25, page 6, as follows:

Since the light receiving element 51 is directly engaged on the main substrate 30 lower than the deck chassis 20, the light guiding member 52 and the sensor gear 53, further, specific components such as intermediate gear [54] 55 or the like are used, thus retaining many components. Thus the manufacturing cost of the reel rotation and detection mechanism 50, and the video cassette deck cannot be lowered sufficiently.